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Application No.: 10/769,884Docket No.: 4444-076**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:****Please amend the title as follows:**

~~PROCESS AND DEVICE FOR THE COMPRESSION OF PORTIONS OF IMAGES~~PROCESSING HIERARCHICAL IMAGE BLOCKS

**On page 1 after the title, please insert the following:****RELATED APPLICATION**

The present application is based on, and claims priority from, FR Application Number 0301226, filed February 3, 2003, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

**FIELD OF THE INVENTION****Please insert the following heading between paragraphs 0004 and 0005:****BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION****Please insert the following heading between paragraphs 0073 and 0074:****--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING--****Please amend paragraph 0074 as follows:**

[0074] FIG. 1 shows, in the form of ~~is~~a logical diagram[,] of a process according to the prior art set forth in the preambleBackground Art portion of this document.

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**Please insert the following heading between paragraphs 0078 and 0079:**

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF FIGS. 2-5**